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Vocational Courses in Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any plan to provide practical knowledge to students as part of vocational courses to the students at school level under skill development and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government proposes to take assistance from various professionals including progressive farmers, doctors and engineers to provide practical knowledge to the students and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the budgetary allocations made by the Government and the utilisation of funds during the current Five Year Plan for imparting vocational education in schools in the country, State/UT-wise;
(d) the total sanctioned and working strength of vocational education teachers at school level in different categories; and
(e) the status of the overall vocational education scenario in Karnataka as compared to other States of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)
(a): Government is implementing the scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education under the umbrella of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan from Class IX onwards. The scheme seeks to integrate vocational education with general academic education and enhance the employability of youth through demand driven competency based, vocational courses. The scheme has a provision for hands on skill training to the enrolled students in related local enterprise/industry, etc.
(b): Under the scheme, a flexible pool of funds is provided to the States/UTs for engaging resource persons such as teachers/skill trainers, skill knowledge providers, coordinators, guest faculty as per the requirement.
(c): The budgetary allocation for the scheme during 2012-13 and 2013-14 was Rs. 80 crore and 65.20 crore respectively. From 2014-15, the scheme has been subsumed under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and funds are sanctioned from RMSA budget. State/UT wise releases and utilisation of funds for implementation of vocational education during the current Five Year Plan is at Annexure − I.
(d): The scheme does not provide for any specific number of teachers for a school. There is a provision for flexible pool of funds for engaging resource persons such as teachers/skill trainers, skill knowledge providers, coordinators, guest faculty as per the requirement of the States/UTs.
(e): The State/UT wise number of schools for which the scheme was sanctioned and made functional including Karnataka is at Annexure − II.
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